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The subsequent development of her Siberlan territory, cubalinating in the construction of the trans-Siberlan Railway, bore ever in mind this necessary outlet to the sea. Her own harbor of Viadivostock could not suffice, being both inaccessible and fee-bound for months in each year. To reach, moreover, even this point would require a wide detour to the north, or a route across part of Manchuria. To obtain permission from China for this latter way, Russia applied herself diplomatically for years without success, being thus engaged in 1891, the commencement of hostilities between Japan and China.

ROSES, &c.

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The Trade Outlook.

In an interview published in Sunday's Times-Dispatch with Secretary Cortelyou. some interesting facts and figures conthe foreign trade of the United States were brought out. Mr. Cortelyou satisfactory condition and pointed out that we exported more goods lasof the country. Our exports to Europe were one hundred million dollars creased our exports to different countries of North America eighty per cent., and in thirty-five per cent. more goods than we did the year before. To Asia and Oceania, our exports have trebled in the last ten years, and to Africa they have become five times as great,

trade with South America is increasing. That is a field of exploitation which we Americans have been trading largely with the countries of Europe, and it has demanufacture were used by the Europeans under their own label in suptrouble to find out the exact trade conditions in South America and to manufacture goods to suit. It is probable, however, our relations with South America will be more intimate, and that our trade s been constructed.

It is also worthy of note that our trade with Asia has trebled within the past ter This means that the war in the far East is a matter of considerable in-

rtelyou also spoke of the large increase in imports; but when asked if country is prosperous and that business is and a large balance is composed of food home. Trade must be twosided and reciprocal. We cannot in reason hope to sell everything to the Trade is normal and healthy we buy from those to whom we with our export trade, and each should

expand as the other expands. Mr. Cortelyou is right in saying that the foreign trade is quite satisfactory, and that means everything at this time to the United States. There is some depression in trade at home, but so long as we have a flourishing foreign trade. most of our industrial enterprises will be kept busy and we shall be spared such a period of depression as that which occurred ten years ago.

The Pay of Teachers. The statement is given out that the average yearly salary of the 480,000 teachers in the public schools of the United States is about \$296, the average salary of men teachers being less than 1322, and of women teachers less than \$270. This is about half the pay of a Chicago carpen-

It was recently ascertained in the State of Colorado that out of thirty-two occupations, the only ones which received less gravel roofers and laborers. But the average salary of a Colorado teacher was then \$493.20, which is nearly double the average for the United States. In Colorado barbers receive \$704.25 a year, bricklayers \$969, and locomotive engineers

We suppose that the same proportion exists in practically all the States of the Union. It is certain that teachers receive less pay, considering the importance and dignity of their work, than workers in any other department of life. At first blush, this seems like a disgrace to civilization. The idea of paying wicked travesty. But there

the man who builds your house twice as much as you pay the woman who builds the character of your child seems something to be said on the other side. The bricklayer works from eight to ten hours a day, six days in the week and all the year round, while a teacher in the public schools works from 9 in the morning until 3 in/the afternoon, five days in the week, and from four to eight and nine months a year. It would appear from this that the average teacher does not work during any year half as long

as the average bricklayer. Therein is one of the greatest defects in our system of public education. It is

city of Richmond we have several large light them and keep them in working ortwelve months in the year and six days in the week. But in point of fact, these buildings are open and the officers and teachers are employed about thirty months in the year. It is needless to say that no industrial enterprise in the city

There ought to be some way of keeping he schools going longer, some way of emsome way of utilizing these public school Rockefeller, with his business sagacity, this plan. He said that it was false and so he arranged for continuous work say eight hours a day for six days in the week and fifty-two weeks in the year, they would, even at the same rate, re ceive fairly good pay for their services.

The Presidency.

With Mr. Gorman out of the race for the presidential nomination-as he seems to be-the prominent candidates pirants) left are Judge Parker and Mr. Mr. Hearst is "also mentioned." David B. Hill's following in New York is in favor of Parker. Not so the Tammany Hall people. They are pronounced in favor of an "uninstructed" delegation, Some suppose they have a mind to pro-

When in his recent letter. Mr. Cleveand advised the Democratic party to choose the best candidate it could find vithout respect to his place of residence, it is supposed by some that he had Mr.

ludge Parker's place of residence is New York State. While both of these gentlemen are widely known and have many admirers and supporters, neither has ar organization." On the other hand, the Hearst boomers are engaged in forming clubs in many sections of the country. skirts of the charges that have been brought against his personal character before his "boom" can be seriously considered. No grossly immoral man be elected President of the United States and it would be suicide for any political party to nominate such a man.

Scientific Fire-Fighting.

The Christian Scientists of Baltimore have made it known that they met durthe conflagration by means of "mental protest," and that instead of throw fire, thus saving property and preventing loss of life.

It is not definitely stated by the Chris tian Scientists how much property and how many lives they saved by throwing thought instead of water upon the ilames, and, therefore, one cannot draw definite scientific conclusions. But Baltimore city has not yet determined to tute streams of thought for streams of

Wanted-An Explanation.

The children complain that it is now fun of skating on rollers around the City a splendid place for such sport, and on

the prohibitory rule has been made. Richmond makes scant provision for are not to be prohibited from skating on the pavements simply because the noise may disturb the repose of some

Why and wherefore? Give us the explanation at once, or abolish the rule and say no more about it.

Annexation.

Senator Anderson is to be congratulated on getting through his annexation bill. It is a good measure, and a practical solution of a very difficult problem.

Now that the bill has been presed Richmond should take steps at once to bring into the corporate limits the thickly settled districts just beyond her borders It is in the interest of both sides that such property be taken in at the earliest possible moment.

Congressman John H. Bankhead, of the Sixth Alabama District, has opened war upon his competitor for the nomination, Richmond Pearson Hobson, "the here of the Merrimac." The latter has formally declared himself a candidate to succeed Mr. Bankhead, and has been making divers charges against his rival. Now, Mr. Bankhead comes Morward and demands to be heard. One of the things Hobson is said to have been boasting of s that he designed all the battleships, but Bankhead has discovered that at no son employed in designing ships of any

Hobson has seen some pretty lively times in the naval service, but he will find out that in a close political campaign all is not smooth sailing. It is understood that Bankhead will ask to divide time with Hobson in several of the appointments the latter has made,

A man named Dan Cushing, who was kidnapped by bandits in Texas a few days ago, was able to secure his release by giving the Masonic signal of distress. Cushing is a civil engineer. He was held for a \$1.000 ransom. He was captured at a station on the Southern Pacific, near Devil's River, where he had charge of a water tank. On a chance, he gave the distress signal of the Ma sonic fraternity and was immediately released by his captors. On attempting that though the choice of the teachers to find his way back home from the place that they have so much holiday, but where he was liberated, he became has

be at the head of the bandlis.

Charlottesville Progress are urging their readers to abandon the custom of publishing cards of thanks "in case of sickness, death and other misfortunes. tising department of The Times-Dispatch, we join in this timely protest, just adding our protest also against the obliuary paem. But if the obligary poem must continue to have its inning, by all means let us relire:

"Dearest Willie, thou has't left us, We thy loss most deeply mourn.

Surely that poem has done duty upon funeral occasions long enough and is on-

canned goods were destroyed in the Ba how the authorities will be able to rid the the weather gets whrm. Most of it is building their stores and warehouses. to have most of this refuse matter re-

The pay of a Japanese soldier is "abou ixty-seven cents a month." Evidently as much as the Confederate soldier did preclated below the gold standard. buy about as much with his sixty-sever able to buy with his \$11 a month.

Charles F. Murphy. With this as the sele issue of the fight, Mr. Murphy is con-fident that he will be able to control the required number of delegates at the State

So says the New York Herald of yes are determined that Mr. Cleveland shall

torpedo boats, while Japan has 104, Italy 166, Germany 140, Russia 220, England 255, and France 308.

So far as we have been able to learn the Confederate government "holds the record" among governments for the enemy by means of torpedoes.

There have been heavy rains of late in many parts of the country. Virginia's turn came yesterday. Now we may exthat its streets and alleys had yesterday

two of her theatres destroyed by fire in one day, but fortunate in having them moccupied at the time. They were com 'fire-resisting' material in their construc-

It is an evident fact now, that Mr. Hearst must be reckoned with as a can-didate for the nomination in St. Louis. n July,-Clinch Valley News.

It is evident also that Mr. Hearst must have a reckoning with his personal re-

There is to be at the St. Louis Exposition a restaurant especially for dys the proprietor expects to make money he will be sure to have

peal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of his trial at Rennes. Is it possible that this persecuted man is at last to get

the age of one hundred and thirty-two, never married. What does President Joseph F. Smith think of that?

city not to have another land in the language of Brer Rabbit, "Please don't frow me in de briar patch."

Southern readers.

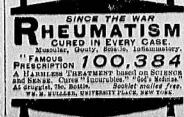
appeared under the head of current items Editor Watterson does not balk at the Bohle dam. He is damning the whole canal project.

There are men in Virginia who would give money to know how President Smith

of a bath

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;

Indebted.
Russia has for many years realized the
necessity of an open port, available at all
seasons, to acquire which she has cast
eyes of longing upon the Mediterranean,



wildered and nearly lost his life in crossing a stream. A renegade army officer is believed to be at the head of the bandits. A MENACE

The Health Board of Chesterfield rience.

THE MATOACO QUARANTINE

Compulsory Vaccination Ordered for District-Judge Hancock's Will Probated.

CHESTERFIELD, VA., March 7.-The health board of Supervisors to-day held a folnt session here to consider plans for stopping the disease of smallpox, which it is feared will become epidemic in Makoaca District. The smallpox epidemics heretofore in this county have cost so much and been such a menace to general public business in the districts affected that the county officials have been prompt in this case to consider and adopt plans, for the confinement of the disease within its present limits, and its extermination as soon as they could accomplish it.

A good many of the residents of Matoaca District have been skeptical as to the smallpox slarm, and have been of opinion that the cases reported as smallpox were only cases of severe chickenpox, which has also been prevalent in the same locality, but Dr. J. G. Loving, chairman of the board of health, and Drs. Jones and Martin, of Petersburg, who attended the meeting to-day, were firm in pronouncing the maledy genuine smallpox in the case of nine of the sick persons, and in recommending streamous efforts for ridding the county of the ningue.

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ment of hostlities between Japan and China.

Japan had awakened, chiefly through the instrumentality of the United States, and with awakening had come ambition. The new Japan felt that she needed an outlet for her commercial and political activities, obtainable only on the continent of Asia. A foothold upon the mainland being desirable, she cust eyes of longing upon the kingdom of Koren, and having theroughly reorganized army and navy allke upon Wostern standards, Japan declared war against China, in which, owing to the total unpreparedness of the latter, she was completely victorious.

Here was the first clash with Russia. For when Japan sought to grasp the fruits of her victory she was compelled to content hersoif with Formosa and an indemnity. Russia's was the hand that interposed, though intervention ostensibly proceeded from several of the powers consoluty. HOME QUARANTINE pingue.

HOME QUARANTINE.

The board decided after deliberation that it would be cheaper and more advantageous to quarantine the cases existing at their present places of abode, instead of establishing a quarantine station, and so ordered. They further decided to establish compulsory vaccination within a certain district, and to-day boundaries were established within which all residents must be immediately vaccinated unless they have already been vaccinated within a reasonable period.

The colored and white schools of Matoaca have already been suspended, and these will not be allowed to resume work until all the children who attend shall have been vaccinated and so far as possible rendered immune.

The regular meeting of the board of supervisors will be held on the fourth Monday in this month.

JUDGE HANCOCK'S WILL.

interposed, though intervention ostensibly proceeded from several of the powers conjointly.

Compelled to relinquish a foothold won upon the mainland by force of arms, Japan retired, temperarily baffled, bitterness of defeat and humiliation deep in the heart of the nation. Hatred was intense for the Bear, whose outstretched paw lay on the land she sought. A powerful force was here for waging war.

Not only did Russia thwart Japan, hut as the friend of China secured for herself a treaty permitting the construction of the trans-Siberian Railway across Manchurla, obtaining also the right to employ her troops in the construction and protection of the railway.

Yet a step and Porl Arthur was acquired, thus realizing the long cherished project of a horbor by the sea, Japan, forced to retreat, has seen Russia steadily, step by step, advancing. Small wondor there rankled in her breast a cortinat war alone could heal.

Yet another concession from complacent China astute diplomatists of the Caar obtained, Port Arthur, to be thoroughly satisfactory, as an army and navul base, must be connected with the Trans-Siberian Railway. Leave was accordingly procured to build a brancherom Harbin, in Monday in this month.

JUDGE HANCOCK'S WILL.

The will of the late Judge Beverly A.
Hancock was admitted to probate Friday before the clerk of the Circuit Court, it being a holographic will, executed in January, 1897. Mrs. Mary S. Hancock, widow of the deceased Judge, who is the it being a note. Mrs. Mary Sanary, 1897. Mrs. Mary Sanary, 1897. Mrs. Mary Sanary widow of the deceased judge, who is the principal beneficiary under the will, qualified as executrix, giving bond without filed as executrix, giving bond without security. The estate is estimated at security.

ified as executrix, giving bond without security. The estate is estimated at about seven thousand dollars, less some incumbrances on the réal estate.

The will of Mr. Daniel Billey, who recently died in this country, and who was one of its most esteemed citizens, was also probated before the Circuit Courtclerk. His estate was estimated at about thirty-three hundred dollars. Messrs, George B. and Joseph W. Billey, sons of the decedent, qualified as executors under the will.

der the will.

The will of Mrs. Caroline Robinson, of Matona District, was probated in the clerk's office on last Wednesday.

The people seem to find probating wills and qualifying as personal representatives can be more conveniently done, and with less emburrasment to ladies, before the clerk of court in his office than before the judge in open court, as unstanced in the court, as unbefore the judge in open court, as der the old regime was required.

SONS OF SOBRIETY.

Mica Mines in Spotsylvania to be Operated.

nla county, had his leg broken while ridling horseback, the horse falling with
him, and his leg was caught under the
animal.

Mr. C. L. Collins, of Caroline county,
is building an excelsior plant at the
Broaddus mill dam, near Bowling Green.
It is stated that Messrs, Charles King
and Son, of Alexandria, will erect a
large canning factory near Templemans,
in Westmoreland county, for the canning
of tomatoes, Heretofore this canning has
been done in Alexandria, the tomatoes
being shipped to that point.
The Baptists in the upper part of Wicomico District, in Northumberland
county, are preparing to build a handsome
chapel.

Rev. J. C. Long, who recently took

a statement of Russia's intentions was the main design.

Through the haze of diplomatic correspondence appears quite clearly Russia's answer. She will not slir from Mancharla nor will she concede Japan's right to inquire concerning her conduct there. Plainly stated, 'tis none of Japan's business. She advances, moreover, her protensions to a "sphere of influence" in Korea. This is then the issue: Russia will hold all she has in Manchuria, and places her hand upon Korea as well. Korea, towards which Japan herself easts envious eyes—which, though once compelled to abandon, she yet steadfastly purposes to country.

county, are preparing to build a handsome chapel.

Rev. J. C. Long, who recently took charge of a circuit of churches in Caroline county, has purchased a home in Bowling Green, where he will reside.

William Gruyson, colored, aged seventy years, died at his home in Stafford county of smallpox. This is the first fatal case of the disease in the county. There are a number of other cases, but all are thought to be of a mild form. There are two other cases in the Grayson home. Cards are out for the marriage of Miss. Lillio Bell Winston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Winston, of Louisa county, to Mr. Edwin Smith Boyd, the ceremony to take place March 18th, at the home of the bride's parents. occupy!
The thus a seeming clash for the destines of two nations—inevitable, to be at best but evaded for the time by diplomacy. "It is," writes Mr. Millard, "the beginning of the destined struggle between the East and West to decide finally which shall dominate in that part of the earth."

MATTHEW F. MAURY.

GREEN AND GAYNOR CASE IN LYNCHBURG

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 7.—The
United States Court here is engaged in
hearing the case of the United States
vs. Benjamin D. Green and others. The
government claims that it was defrauded
out of a large sum of money by Messis.
Green and Gaynor, and it alleges that a
part of this money is in Norfolk and
Western stock, and it is this stock which
is involved in the present litigation.
Green and Gaynor were contractors,
who had a big contract with the government for the improvement of the harbon
of Savannah. It was in connection with
the matter that Captain Oberlin M. Carter was arrested, tried and convicted, The
government has been endeavoring to reguin some of the money which it claims
to have lost, and the suit that is being
heard here this week is part of the general plan.

Green and Gaynor are said to be in
Canada. Various efforts have been made
to have them returned to this country,
but so tar without success. It is related in London that Lord Sci-borne, first lord of the admiralty, heard at a dinner party, at the eleventh hour, of the Russian intention to buy two Chilcan warships. His lordship went home by way of the Chilcan embassy and offered a few thousands more than the price named. The sale was effected then and there, So it happened that, whreas Japan got two cruisers via the South American power, Russia got none,

Packett-Delano.

They were discussing bravery

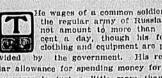
"Talk about risks," boasted the man in red-topped boots, "Why, I have been on a jury that tried western outlaws."

That is nothing," replied the quiet man; "I have been on a jury that they been on a jury that decided which was the pretriest baby at a paby ghow," Chicago News,



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SOME FACTS ABOUT THE RUSSIAN ARMY



bring the grand total up to a little less than \$4. This sum is supposed to cover all his expenditures for tobacco, spirits underneath his great coat, which is a mand luxuries of every kind. The enlisted men in the United States army are paid more than three times that amount per month, or about forty times as much per shoulder and attached to the belt from

impossible. As a matter of fact, almost all the higher officers come from more or less wealthy families, and if they marry they are supposed to select only rich girls

or nearly half of the grand total. In the regular army of the czar there are no less than half a million horses, and this number in time of war might be easily doubled. How valuable this vast cavalry force may be in the far East may be questioned, for allowing to each horse a daily ration of twenty-five pounds of fodder, and taking it for granted that Manchuria and the adjacent provinces raise little that might be used for horse food, it is hard to see how any large number of horses can be permanently maintained at the far end of a single track railroad more than 5,000 miles long. In the Russian cavalry, of course, the most picturesque corps is that of the Cossacks. The Cossacks are really professed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 7.—
Stonewall Lodge, Sons of Sobriety, celebrated its anniversary yesterday, and Sunday night listened to a sermon at the Methodist Church, delivered by Rev. James P. Stump, of Alexandria, the services being attended by the organization in a body. To-night the lodge and its guests enjoyed a banquet at the Opera-House cafe.

Dr. C. H. Kuper, of Spotsylvania county, has been appointed manager of the Spotsylvania Mica. Mine Company, of which W. A. Hoge, of Pennsylvania, is president. Work will commence at the mine within a few days with a large force of hands.

Mr. James R. Pendleton, of Spotsylvania county, has his leg broken while riding horsehack, the horse falling with him, and his leg was caught under the

less, and rejentless soldiers in the world,
The predominant and characteristic
color in the uniforms of the Russian army
is durk green. The infantry wear double
breasted blouses and knickerbockers of

He wages of a common soldier is the regular army of Russia do not amount to more than one cent a day, though his food, clothing and equipment are procent a day, though his too, clothing and equipment are provided by the government. His reguiar allowance for spending money for all
purposes is just a little more than a
ruble a year, but extras of various kinds

an active campaign. The drugs for mean-cal use are prepared for the army medi-cal department in the form of tabloids, with the active principles accurately dosed and put up by the latest machinery, and the bandages and dressings are pre-pared and sent out i nsterilized bundles from the State factories, which are the admiration of all the medical men who

nave seen them.

The present Russian army, as an organization, is only about thirty years old, it was established by the imperial ukaso f January, 1874, by which the whole male twal military service reduced to three, two, or even one year. It is from this class that most of the officers in the reserve corps of militia are drawn.—H. M. H. in Chicago Tribune.

ADDITIONAL PULLMAN PARLOR CAR
SERVICE VIA SEABOARD AIR
LINE RAILWAY.

Effective February 23, 1904, the Seaboard Air Line Railway will operate daily, except Sunday, Pullman parlor cars on Trains Nos. 27 and 80, between Washington and Pinehurst; passing Richmond, south-bound, 2:15 P. M.; north-bound, 1907 Pullman parlor car service between line Pullman parlor car service between

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J. C. JOPIAN, Assistant Cashier,

obtained. Fort Arthur, to be thoroughly satisfactory, as, an ginny and naval base, must be connected with the Trans-Siberian Rallway. Leave was accordingly procured to build a branch from Harbin, in Manchurla, to Port Arthur, with a spur to Pokin. An occasion for the introduction of yet more Russian troops. Thus matters stood in 1900, year of the "Boxe" insurrection in northern China, when Trussia selzed the opportunity to import fresh bodies of troops under the plea of military necessity. These, despite the protests of the powers and Russia's promise to withdraw, remain in Manchuria to this au. From that time to the present war with Japan has been inevitable—recognized and prepared for by the statesmen of both nations. Japan is determined upon expansion—a policy impossible to pursue in the face of Russia's ever increasing encroachments. To this end events have steadily shaped their course; for this purpose oach country has hastened preparitions on land and sea. The conclusion of the defense treaty between England and Jupan, whereby the latter is assured, in consideration of her attempt to check Russian aggression, of immunity for her erritory from violation, even in event of defeat, materially increases her credit and doubless accelerated the movement for war, in no wise retarded by Russia, who, with the completion of the Trans-Siberian Rallway, folt herself ready for the succession of the consideration of the completion of the Trans-Siberian Rallway, folt herself ready for the succession of the consideration of the completion of the Trans-Siberian Rallway, folt herself ready for the consideration of the completion of the Trans-Siberian Rallway, folt herself ready for the succession of the consideration of the consideration of the consideration of the completion of the Trans-Siberian Rallway, folt herself ready for the succession of the consideration of the consid

The Ronnoke Times urges the people of to become diplomatically the aggressor, trusting thereby doubtless to strengthen her position in the court of nations. The immediate excuse for Japan's inquiry was the alleged aggressive action of the Russians on the Korean side of the Yalu River, which bounds Korea and Manchurlu. Doubtless another excuse would have been found to serve as well. To elicit a statement of Russia's intentions was the main design.

Mr. Cleveland flot only denied the story. but threw into the derial a bit of "Irish" that made it all the more enjoyable to

The announcement that Richmond is to make its own electricity should have

manages to manage five wives,

It seems now to be up to President Roosevelt to deny the "Booker Wash-The war in the Far East seems to con-

sist mainly in preparations. The Hearst boom is now in sore need

The War and Its Causes.

Bottop of The Times-Disputen:

Skr.—It'ls attempted in this communication to point out certain of the causes
which have contributed to the present
conflict between Russia and Japan. This
has aircndy been done more at length by
Mr. Thomas F. Millard, in his interesting article. "The Story of the Eastern
Crisis." , recently published in Harper's
Weekly, to which the writer is largely
indebted.

Russia has for many years realized the

W D. Howells, the novelist, seldom falls, when anyone has animadverted on his corpulence, to come out with a next retort. When Mr. Howells was consul at Venice, a very lean and long American said to him one day, jocosely: "if I were as fat as you I'd go and hang myself." "Well," said Mr. Howells, "if I ever take your advice I'll use you for a rope."

MATTHEW F. MAURY.

Don't bet your wife
It's Alexieff;
Don't bet your chief
It's Alexieff;
Don't waste your "bref"
On Alexieff,
But bet your li'ef
On Alexieff,
—New York Press.

Personal and General,